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Subject: State Fire Marshal Hydrogen Highway Advisory Committee

The Executive Order (EO) signed by Governor Schwarzenegger on April 20th 2004, established direction for the development of California's Hydrogen Highways. This executive order is to ensure that by the end of the decade every Californian has access to hydrogen fuel along the State's major highways, with a significant and increasing percentage of that hydrogen produced from clean, renewable sources. This vision for California is real and attainable.

There are currently 16 of 31 fueling facilities in California and more than 95 fuel cell vehicles have been placed in demonstration programs throughout the state. By 2007, fuel cell hybrid vehicles, both buses and light-duty vehicles, will be used in demonstration fleets in tandem with early hydrogen fueling infrastructure.

On behalf of the State Fire Marshal, and as the Assistant State Fire Marshal, it is our goal to ensure that the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) represents the voice of all stakeholders, including the California fire service. In doing this we must act together.

We are asking for your help to provide the expertise in building the future; and for you to consider providing personnel to participate as members of the State Fire Marshal Hydrogen Highway Advisory Committee.

SFM HYDROGEN HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GOAL: To provide a means of communication between the Office of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and technical issues.

The goal of the State Fire Marshal's Hydrogen Highway Advisory Committee is to facilitate the timely, safe, and effective deployment of hydrogen energy infrastructure for transportation and stationary power applications in California. This goal will be accomplished by supporting the development of uniformly applied regulations, codes, and standards.

The committee will meet quarterly throughout the calendar year, with meetings held in northern and southern California. I anticipate the first meeting to be held in Sacramento on Tuesday, April 18. We will also be looking for departments to host meetings occasionally. Members of this committee will serve without stipend or reimbursement of expenses, and only with the written approval of their Fire Chief or Executive Director.

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Your support in recommending personnel for appointment to this committee, and support of their active participation, will allow all stakeholders participation in the decision-making process for the OSFM.

Steve Guarino, Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal III is the State Fire Marshal Liaison for the SFM Hydrogen Highway Advisory Committee; and may be reached at (916) 341-6641, or e-mail steve.guarino@fire.ca.gov.

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me or Steve if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Dargan', with a stylized, flowing script.

Kate Dargan
Assistant State Fire Marshal